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SUBJECT: ALCOA'S ACTIVITIES IN POLAND

REF: MEMCON DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1975

1. MESSRS. LANG AND WHITE OF ALCOA, PITTSBURGH, PENNA. HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED SEVERAL DAYS OF USEFUL MEETINGS WITH THE POLISH MINISTRY OF METALLURGY, FTO CENTROZAP, AND BIPROMET, THE MINISTRY'S DESIGN OFFICE. THEIR ITINERARY INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE POLISH ALUMINUM SMELTING PLANT AT SKAWINA, NEAR KRAKO.

2. DURING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH ALCOA (REF) THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED OF A 240,000 TON PER YEAR (T/YR) ALUMINUM SMELTING PLANT THAT THE POLES WERE PLANNING TO ERECT NEAR SZCZECIN, FOR WHICH ALCOA HAS SOLD TO THE POLES AN ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS NOW THAT, ALTHOUGH STILL OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE POLES, THE 240,000 T/YR PLANT IS BEING SHELVED, PRIMARILY FOR FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY PROBLEMS.

3. ACCORDING TO WHITE, A NEW 80,000 T/YR SMELTER FOR SKAWINA WAS APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY FOR THE 76-80 5-YR PLAN, AND BIPROMET IS VERY ANXIOUS TO START THE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE IN 1977. BIPROMET AND MINISTRY OF METALLURGY OFFICIALS ARE NOW IN NEED OF A "SCALED DOWN" PROPOSAL, SIMILAR TO THE ONE PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED

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FROM ALCOA, ACCORDING TO WHITE.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT A POLISH ALUMINUM INDUSTRY DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE U.S. IN EARLY OCTOBER, 1976, TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WITH KAISER ALUMINUM AND ALCOA. THE DELEGATION, HEADED BY BIPROMET'S J.A. MSCICHOWSKI, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ALUMINUM FACILITIES IN POLAND, INCLUDES MR. KAZIMIERZ HYENAR OF THE MINISTRY OF METALLURGY, MR. R. DZIENWA, HUTA SKAWINA, AND MR. A. KROL, ALSO OF BIPROMET.

5. FYI: NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR THE U.S.T.D.C. WERE CONTACTED BY KAISER REPRESENTATIVES WHO ALLEGEDLY VISITED POLAND TO DISCUSS THE 80,000 T/YR SMELTER WITH THE POLES.  
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